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Receipt is acknowledged of Request for time and for reconsideration, each of 3/3/99.

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request to dismiss the appeal and to continue prosecution under 37 CFR 1.129(a). The appeal stands dismissed.

For example, the dialogue page following column 1, after the formula (1), provides: [CHO] -CHO- or [H] -H - this material is not so shown in brackets and underline in the following cut up copy of column 2, at lines 9 ½ - 10 ½ following (1). Applicant is requested to reexamine and validate correspondence between cut-up and associated amendment and further, support for the amendment.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neil Levy whose telephone number is (703) 308-2412. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald Adams, Ph.D., J.D., can be reached on (703) 308-0570. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-3592.

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